nine distcicts except Nellore district. The A.P.A.U. has been requested to submit the proposal for Nellore district.

(c) The communication for establishing Krishi Vigyan Kendras in nine districts was received from the Vice-Chancellor, A.P.A.U- in August, 1993. As soon as the detailed proposal for Nellore district is received from the Agricultural University, it will be examined in the Council.

Oil Palm cultivation in coastal Andhra Pradesh

1072. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coastal Andhra Pradesh is suitable for oil palm cultivation; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to exploit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee appointed by Government of India has identified about 4 lakh ha. as suitable for Oil Palm cultivation in Andhra Pradesh. Most of the areas identified for Oil Palm cultivation in the State are in the coastal Districts.

(b) An Oil Palm Demonstration Project of 1,000 ha. in 3 districts of East Godavari, West Godavadi and Krishna were introduced by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to demonstrate the feasibility of Oil Palm cultivation under irrigated condition in the identified areas of the State. On the basis of the experience gained under the DBT Project, it has been proposed to bring about 50,000 ha. under Oil Palm cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Plan (1992—97). A number of Oil Palm Development Schemes have been introduced in the State to initiate advance action for the promotion of Oil Palm cultivation during Eighth Plan which includes establishment of Oil Palm seed garden, nurseries, I tonne FFB/hour processing unit, etc. Subsidies are being extended to the farmers towards the cost of the oil Palm planting material and cultivation cost during the gestation period.

Implementation of I.C.A.R Schemes in Anndhra Pradesh Agriculture University

1073. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes of I.C.A.R. under implementation in Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, what is the amount sanctioned; to each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of ICAR Plan and ad-hoc research schemes alongwith the amount sanctioned for each of them is enclosed as statement.